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A Message from the Editor . . .

It is time for another edition and I want to thank all who sent in class news. If you have articles or other information that might be included in the Record please forward material to me. I edit the Record but it is your newsmagazine. I only print what I get from you, the members of the organization. So please remember to send in news. You can either use snail mail or the information superhighway to get it to me. So send it, fax it, or e-mail it! Just remember that there are printing deadlines and your news must reach me by the dates listed in order to guarantee inclusion in that edition of the Record.

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Please type all materials or if it is easier you can send your news on a computer disk using either MS Word or Word Perfect. If you don't type or have a computer send news anyway but please try to make the writing as readable as possible so that I can spell all of the names correctly.

Thank you for all of your help - and if anyone wants to volunteer to assist with the editing of the Record please let me know. Volunteers are always welcome!

Linda Lass-Schuhmacher

P. S. If you have an address change let us know and if the post office has given you a postal address please forward that to us as soon as possible so that when we do mailings we can get them to you as quickly and efficiently as possible.

IHP Corner

Generalist Completion Ceremony:

Fifty students of the MGH Institute of Health Professions nursing class of 2000 have completed the generalist portion of the curriculum and have sat for the board exam to become registered nurses. The completion of the first phase of their graduate education to become advanced practice nurses was celebrated at O'Keefe Auditorium on Saturday, March 27. They will graduate with the Master's of Science in Nursing degree in May of 2000 and will be able to become certified as nurse practitioners.

"You continue a century-old legacy of nursing education at the MGH," said Ann. W. Caldwell, interim president of the Institute, who spoke at the ceremony. Laurel Carpenter, RNC, MSN, ANP and Mary Norato Indeglia, RNC, MSN, ANP, presidents of the alumnae associations of the Institute and the MGH School of Nursing, respectively, warmly welcomed them to the fellowship of nurses.

The Alumnae Association traditionally honors two students with scholarship awards as they pass this first milestone in their nursing education. Christine Sortir was chosen as the recipient of the Ruth Sleeper award for academic and clinical excellence. The Adele Corkum award, given to the student who best exemplifies the kindness, diligence and loyalty of Miss Corkum, was presented to Judi Robichaud. Both women were surprised and delighted to have been nominated by their nursing professors to receive the awards. All of the students completing the generalist portion of their training received a complementary one-year membership in the MGH Alumnae Association in honor of their entrance into the cadre of MGH-educated professional nurses.

Graduation:

On the warm and beautiful afternoon of May 15 the MGH Institute of Health Professions granted Master of Science degrees to 44 Nursing, 48 Physical Therapy, 26 Speech Language Pathology, and 4 Clinical Investigation graduate students under the tent in the Upham Bowl on the grounds of McLean Hospital. Lesley Stahl, co-editor of the CBS News magazine 60 Minutes, former White House correspondent and moderator of Face the Nation, author of the recently released best-seller, Reporting Live, and Massachusetts native served as the 1999 Commencement Speaker. Mary Norato Indeglia and Jeanne Stahl, President and President-Elect of the MGH Nurses Alumnae Association, attended the graduation ceremony and the brunch held earlier in the day where Ms. Stahl was the honored guest.

Degrees were conferred and hoods and diplomas were presented to the 122 graduates by Ann W. Caldwell, Interim President of the Institute, and Matina Horner, Chair of the Trustees, together with the respective Directors of the individual programs,

including Dr. Arlene Lowenstein, Director of the Graduate Program in Nursing. Dr Emily Chandler, Assistant Professor and ordained minister, delivered the invocation and welcoming remarks were made by Dr. James J. Mongan, President of the MGH, and Ms. Laurel J. Carpenter, graduate of the Nursing Program, '97, and founding President of the MGH IHP Alumni Association.

Following the 20th anniversary of the Institute's founding last year, other 'firsts' celebrated with this 19th commencement were the graduation of the first students from the Master of Science in Clinical Investigation, one of the first such programs in the country; and the initiation of two new specialty tracks in the Graduate Program in Nursing - Acute Care and Psychiatric Nursing. The Graduate Program in Nursing was also proud to have one of its own, Inga Corliss, PhD, RN, FAAN, receive the Nancy T. Watts Award for Excellence in Teaching.

The MGH Nurses Alumnae Association is proud of its continuing supportive relationship with the five hundred students, over one thousand alumni, and ninety faculty and staff who form the MGH Institute of Health Professions community of excellence in the education of health care professionals.

News Notes

The American Association for the History of Nursing is holding it's Sixteenth Annual Conference October 1 – 3, 1999 in Boston. The Alumnae is planning on showcasing the nursing school and the Alumnae Association at the event.

Massachusetts Nurses Association Hall of Fame information and nomination forms:

Note: The Alumnae Association is going to nominate some of our early and more recent members and leaders of the School of Nursing. We also thought that many of you might also want this information and might want to submit nominations as well.

Massachusetts Nurses Association

Hall Of Fame Committee Structure / Responsibilities

Massachusetts Hall of Fame Induction Committee:

Process:

- Comprised of Board member and others as appointed by the MNA Board of Directors.
- Chaired by a member of the Lucy Lincoln Drown Nursing History Society.

Responsibilities:

- Establish criteria for induction into the MNA Hall of Fame.
- Publicize criteria in the Mass Nurse, Bay State Nurse, and other related Massachusetts nursing organization newsletters.
- Seek nominations from individuals, groups and institutions.
- Review and select nominations according to criteria established by the Induction Committee by December 1999 for Fall 2000 Hall of Fame nominees.
- Recommend to Board of Directors.
- Make recommendations to the MNA Board of Directors regarding the inauguration and induction ceremony.

Budget Considerations:

- MNA will establish a Hall of Fame at MNA Headquarters.
- Plaque with photograph and biographical sketch for each inductee.
- Publication of MNA Hall of Fame Booklet which would include photograph and biographical sketch of each inductee. (LLDNHS members would do this)
- Send Hall of Fame Booklet to ANA, schools, libraries, publications, and other organizations.

Assistance in acquiring historical data (detail) and/or in preparing the nomination can be obtained from Dorothy McCabe, Department of Nursing, 781-830-5714.

Massachusetts Nurses Association

Hall of Fame

Overview

In 1996 following the centennial overview of the American Nurses Association, Margaret Barry, President of the Massachusetts Nurses Association, in conjunction with MNA's Lucy Lincoln Drown Nursing History Society and MNA's Board of Directors established the Massachusetts Nurses Association Hall of Fame. The inauguration including induction of charter members will occur in 2000. Subsequent inductions will be in 2003 during the centennial of MNA and every five years thereafter.

The Massachusetts Nurses Association Hall of Fame is an enduring tribute to Massachusetts nurses whose contributions to nursing have significantly influenced the profession. As the MNA Hall of Fame honors these nurses, it also recognizes how Massachusetts nurses have shaped the profession throughout history. Thus the MNA Hall of Fame recognizes the accomplishments of predecessors and looks forward to the achievements still to come.

MNA's Hall of Fame honors Massachusetts nurses who have made sustained contributions to nursing, health care delivery, health care and society. Such nurses may include those persons born in Massachusetts, educated/trained in Massachusetts, who worked in Massachusetts, and who brought honor to Massachusetts by their accomplishments here or elsewhere.

Nomination Preparation:

- Cover page with: name(s) of nominator, complete address, telephone, fax, e-mail number, name of person nominated and dates (e.g. 1857-1942, 1922 - present).
- In narrative form, please address the criteria and use form pages 2, 3, & 4.
- Include specific biographical information on the nominee e.g. date and place of birth, parents' names (include mother's maiden name). Education, include schools and dates of graduation if available. Work history, date and place of death and burial.
- Submit supporting data (non-returnable - will become part of an archival file at MNA) for example: e.g.: Article(s), Book(s), News Clipping(s), Photo with source identified and date.

Criteria:

1. A nurse.
2. Retired five years or deceased.
3. Born in Massachusetts, educated/trained in Massachusetts, worked in Massachusetts or brought honor to Massachusetts (the nominee must have been prepared in a formal nursing program unless the contribution was made before 1873 when no formal training was available).
4. Made a sustained and lasting contribution to nursing, health care delivery, health care and society.

Nominations must be postmarked no later than October 1, 1999. Send one copy of form only. Submissions must be mailed (faxes are not acceptable) to:

Margaret Shea, Associate Director, Department of Nursing, Massachusetts Nurses Association, 340 Turnpike Street, Canton, MA 02021

Incomplete nomination packets will not be considered. Assistance in acquiring historical data and/or in preparing a nomination can be obtained from: Dorothy McCabe (781) 830-5714.

Reference: Kaufman, M., W.; Hawkins, J.; Higgins, L. P. & Friedman, A. H.; Dictionary of American Nursing Biography, Greenwood Press, Westport, CT 1988.

Form Page 1

Massachusetts Nurses Association Hall of Fame Award

Nomination Form

Please supply all information requested. Incomplete nominations will not be considered.

Information must be printed, using block style or typed; use of computer preferred.

Nominee's Name: _____

Academic Degrees: _____

Address _____

If deceased, nearest living relative (if known), address, telephone number

Home Phone: _____
(area code, number)

Race/Ethnic Group: ☐ American Indian/Alaska Native, ☐ Asian Pacific Islander,
☐ Black/African American, ☐ White,
☐ Other: _____

MNA member for _____ years (when applicable)

I hereby agree to be considered a nominee for the MNA Hall of Fame Award
(complete this section only if applicable)

(print name of nominee)

(signature of nominee)

(date)

(must be signed by living nominee in order for nomination to be considered)

This nomination is submitted by

(print name of nominator)

(signature of nominator)

(date)

Telephone: _____ FAX: _____ E-Mail: _____

Form Page 2

**FORM PAGES 2, 3, & 4 MUST BE ADDRESSED FOR ALL
NOMINEES.**

Nominee's Name: _____

Born(location, date): _____ Died(location, date): _____

Place of burial(if known): _____

Parents Names(include father's name, mother's
name, mother's maiden name if known): _____

Biographical Information: Please provide concise biographical information on this page
only, including an opening sentence that explains why your nominee should be in the
Massachusetts Nurses Association Hall of Fame(include place and dates whenever
applicable). Important biographical information includes education/training,

professional/work history, major accomplishments and/or contributions, honors and awards received, etc. Please include the names of references for biographical information. This section of the nomination form is **MANDATORY**. Failure to complete it will disqualify this nominee for future consideration. Do not attach another bio or article as a substitute for using this form. PLEASE TYPE (WORD PROCESSOR/COMPUTER PREFERRED)

Criteria:

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Form Page 3

Statement of Qualifications: Nominees will be judged on the lasting impact of their accomplishments. Refer to criteria on page 2. Please identify nominee's accomplishments, achievements, and/or contributions in the appropriate areas below.

ALTHOUGH MOST NOMINEES ARE HIGHLY ACCOMPLISHED, IT WOULD BE UNUSUAL FOR A NOMINEE TO FIT INTO ALL FIVE AREAS. PLEASE SELECT ONLY THOSE AREAS MOST APPROPRIATE.
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1. Trail Blazer/First Nurse

2. Creator/Discoverer/Inventor/Innovator

Form Page 4

3. Leader/Visionary

4. Raised social consciousness; advanced patients'/nurses' rights; promoted justice

5. Accomplishments of lasting significance

Submit supporting data (non-returnable--will become part of an archival file at Massachusetts Nurses Association) such as (but not limited to):

- Articles (journals, newspapers, magazines)
- News clippings
- Photos (with source identified and date)
- Books/monographs

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Pearls from the Past.

Frances Badger Stewart '61 wrote in with a copy of one of the Ann Landers columns. For those of you who have not been following Ann Landers in your local newspaper, she had a letter about nursing that stimulated a great many responses. The initial series from nurses complaining about how hard they work, the terrible pay, and the miserable hours. One letter however, really was a pearl from the past. The author "Student of History" had found a manual of her great-grandmother's from 1887 that really spoke to nursing when it was a really dirty job.

"In addition to caring for 50 patients, each nurse was expected to do the following:

1. Daily sweep and mop the floors of your ward, dust the patient's furniture and window sills.
2. Maintain an even temperature in your ward by bringing in a scuttle of coal for the day's business.
3. Light is important to observe the patient's condition. Therefore, each day, fill kerosene lamps, clean chimneys, and trim wicks. Wash windows once a week.
4. The nurse's notes are important in aiding the physician's work. Make your pens carefully; you may whittle nibs to your individual taste.
5. Each nurse on day duty will report every day at 7 a.m. and leave at 8 p.m. except on the Sabbath, on which day you will be off from 12 to 2 p.m.

6. Graduate nurses in good standing with the director of nurses will be given an evening off each week for courting purposes or two evenings a week if you go regularly to church.
7. Each nurse should lay aside from each pay day a goodly sum of her earning for her benefits during her declining years so that she will not become a burden to her family. For example, if you earn \$30 a month, you should set aside \$15.
8. Any nurse who smokes, uses liquor in any form, gets her hair done at a beauty shop, or frequents dance halls will give the director of nurses good reason to suspect her worth, intentions, and integrity.
9. The nurse who performs her labors and serves her patients and doctors without fault for five years will be given an increase of 5 cents a day, providing there are no hospital debts outstanding.”

Ah yes those really were the ‘good old days’!

We also received a not from Barbara Herlihy-Chevalier with a great idea.

“Our MGH tradition is such a gift to all of us. I’ve often thought at Homecoming how wonderful it would be if we could ask each graduate present to briefly state what she has done! I bet the experiences are world-wide.”

So what about it all of you reading this? Put a few lines together to summarize your career in nursing and we will start a new section of the Record called “**Our Graduates – Near and Far.**”

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In Memoriam

- 1919 Merle MacDonald Crocker – 1999.
1925 Betty Merry Sweet – January 1998.
1926 Josephine Ruhfel Jones – March 1999.
1926 Thelma Cogswell – 1995.
1927 Ethel McNamara Devine – January 19, 1999.
1928 Marjorie Maclean Fraser – January 8, 1999.
1929 Helen Lehman – 1998.
1930 Dorothy Reny Patterson Smith – February 1999.
1931 Margaret Flatley Foley – March 8, 1999.
1931 Margaret Arey Sandin – February 1998.
1934 Ruth Whittier Eaton - March 1999.
1934 Ruth Schilling – March 1999.
1934 Marjorie Cross Hogue – June 7, 1998.
1934 Alice Corcoran – May 1999.
1937 Mabel Anning Leham – May 1999.
1938 Lucille Waldo Howd – 1998.
1939 Ephrosynia (Rose) Evashko Eames David – February 5, 1999.
1939 Phyllis Brissette Heslin – April 5, 1999.
1940 Ann Elizabeth Moore Hemsworth – January 20, 1999.
1940 Barbara Pickett Malone
1941 Hildegard Rose Sanneman Buarmann – June 1995.
1942 Virginia Watts Clark – January 6, 1999.
1942 Doris James Cryster – September 27, 1998.
1946 Grace L. Nangle – January 26, 1999.
1947 Natalie Morgan Taylor – August 1998.
1947 Virginia Toploski – November 3, 1998.
1953 June Boulton Fitzpatrick – December 22, 1998.
1966 Mary Ann Milani Bellew – May 3, 1998.

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Class News

1925

In a thank you note from Earlyne Scott for the Christmas remembrance:

“I entered MGH in September of 1922 and graduated in December of 1925. I believe I was in the educational Department from September 1925 through June 1927, when I went to summer school at Teachers college. I came back to MGH in 1928, first as a supervisor on the medical wards, then back to teaching the spring of 1929. My that is a long time ago. I was at the Rhode Island Hospital from September 1929 to February 1932 and then married for 50 years.

I have had a few contacts with doctors and hospitals – not always happy ones. Bust so many things have changed in my 95 years and one must adjust.”

1933

We received a newspaper article by Grace Steward. It was about her work in Raleigh at Abbotswood retirement community with the Good Bears of the World (GBW). A group that raises money to purchase child-safe Teddy bears to be presented to the fire and police departments as well as rescue squads. The bears are to be given to children in traumatic situations and to elderly people in need of comfort and solace. The organization gives Teddy bears in time of trouble, disaster, or whenever the need arises. The Teddy bear has become a symbol of security.

1938

Charlotte Aubert Scott who is retired since 1986. At that time she was the Superintendent – Director of a Regional Vocational Technical School. She was the first woman to be appointed to that position in Massachusetts.

1939

In a note from Rosemary McCann MacIsaacs:

“Reporting the death of Rose Evashko Eames David who died Friday February 5, 1999 after a long illness. Her daughter and son and husband of nine years, Lloyd David, are surviving relatives. For Alumna who wish to send a note of sympathy, his address is: 1000 Laly Palm, Naples FL 34113.

Rose, Dorothy Duffy Hargreaves (deceased 4/1/93) and I joked that we were “the three musketeers”, and we had many discussions as friends will. There were times when we lost track of each other and then we’d find and renew our friendship. Two years ago, I made the trip from Austin, Texas to Naples, Florida to visit Lloyd and

Rose. And I have good memories of the early times and these later renewals. The world is a bit more lonesome with both of them gone.”

1939

WINONA BEHR SMITH

7 Henderson Road
Lexington, MA 02420
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Phyllis Wilber Hansen and I were the only ones attending the 125th reunion from the Sept. section. Marcia Duoba was there from the Feb. section.

Dr. James Heslin called me from NYC telling me of the death of his wife, our classmate Phyllis Brissette who had died on April 5th. Phyll had not been well the past two years. Jim and Phyll would have celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary. For many years, Phyll wrote the question and answer section of the American Journal of Nursing. Our classmates and I sent our sincere sympathy, Jim.

Phyll Prescott McGregor and husband Dr. Eugene, Lisbon, NH will be attending the sixtieth reunion of our class in September. They have two sons and a daughter. Daughter was teaching school and is now an ordained minister.

Phyllis Young Wheeler, Worcester, MA keeps busy with church activities and is planning on coming to the reunion.

Franny McDonald Sciore had cardiac and chest surgery - is feeling great now and is planning on coming to the reunion. Franny had done volunteer work at the Brockton VA some time ago.

Julie Boghosian lives in the family home in Medford, MA. Her sister Esther, who had been ill, was visiting, as was her brother from Florida the day I called her. Can't make the reunion.

Mary Gay Aubrey, Winchester, MA uses a walker to get around and doesn't stray too far from home. Daughter Ellie doesn't live too far away. Daughter Gay and husband live in Vermont and visit occasionally. Son-in-law is great cook and takes on "as chef" on their visits.

Burt Morrison Fleury has given up her horse farm in northern New York State. Has some medical problems and is now in nursing home in Manchester, NH. Phyll McGregor visited Burt recently.

Rosemary McCann MacIsaacs, daughter and grandson live in Austin, TX, love the southwest and, from the picture I received at Christmas, they look so very happy. Rosemary visited an exchange student in Germany and had a superb time.

Kay Tracey Taylor lives in Skoheegan, ME, alone, but has many friends, nieces and nephews, keeps very busy but doesn't travel too far.

Eunice White Doty had a very interesting Christmas letter. Enjoys her new home in Corey, NC. Has great time doing flower arranging.

Gracie Babcock Gatcombe, Wallingford, CT hopes to be able to come to the reunion. Gracie who was with the Sixth General Hospital in WWII frequently talks to the members of that unit with interest stories to tell.

Last April, my daughter Susan Harris, husband McLaren, grandchildren and great-grandchild and I were in Hawaii for a lengthy vacation. Son-in-law's parents reside there and we celebrated "Papa's" 95th birthday (also my 81st) with a wonderful reception at a hotel. This year, have had a few medical problems - coumadin bleed into lower abdominal muscles. Now on the mend. Golden years are a bit rusty at times. I see Phyll Wilber Hansen, Chatham, MA when I am at my summer home on Cape Cod. Phyll and I keep in close contact during the year and she will be at the reunion.

I am making an effort to contact classmates. This is a big one -**The 60th Reunion**. Hope you can make it. If you are unable to come, please drop me a line as to where you are and what you are doing.

I have to confess that my son, Doug Smith, Hamilton, MA is the expert who did this e-mail. I am computer ignorant.

Editors note: Thanks Doug, you made my work a bit easier!

1945

Obituary and Tribute: Grace L. Nangle
(compiled from the materials from both Salem State College and the newspaper obituary).

She graduated from Marblehead High School and from Wellesley college in 1942 with a bachelor's degree in journalism. She then graduated from the Cadet Nurse Corp of the Massachusetts General Hospital School of Nursing in 1945. While at Mass General, she was a staff nurse and was appointed head nurse. She was pediatrics supervisor and director of the School of Nursing in Beverly Hospital where she worked from 1950 to 1957. She earned her master's degree from Boston College.

From 1958 to 1969, she was supervisor for Health Occupations Training Division of Vocational Education, Massachusetts Department of Education.

In March 1970, she was instrumental in founding the Salem State College School of Nursing. She used her already well-established regional leadership in health care to create a vibrant and accessible programs of study to meet the North Shore's need for nursing education. As Dean of the program she guided the development of a curriculum of nursing study recognized locally and nationally for its excellence. The National League for Nursing, following its initial review in 1976, commended the program for its outstanding quality and awarded accreditation with the maximum number of years between site visits. Many faculty members recall with fondness that first accreditation party hosted by Miss Nangle.

Following her retirement from the College in the early 1980s, she eagerly pursued her interests in gardening, bridge, and the Boston symphony. In 1985, she received the Past President Award from the Massachusetts Nursing Association. She was also a member of the Board of Corporators of Salem Hospital. Her vision and leadership left an indelible mark on the Salem State College School of Nursing. Each year at the School's Nursing Recognition Ceremony, her high values and expectations for excellence are commemorated in an award presented in her name to two outstanding graduates of the undergraduate program. The importance that she attached to quality patient care, community service, and an appreciation for the arts formed the foundation upon which Salem State College School of Nursing continues to build.

February 1947

Helen McCoy
158 Mountain Ave
Park Ridge NJ 07656-1656

Dear Friends,

First, I want to thank all of you for your calls, the mass cards, and wonderful letters for the kids and me, when Jack died. I appreciated it so much. I'm doing better. Lou and Betty (Anderson) Carrier were here for Jack's funeral. I was so glad to see them. Everyone has been just wonderful to me.

The Carriers stop when going to and coming from Naples Florida in January and April. I'm always delighted with their visits. I shall be going to their home on the Cape in May en route to Ann Walsh's new home, Durham, NH for MGH 1947 Class Day.

I hope George and Yvonne will stop en route to Attleboro from a month at Susan's home in South Carolina. Susan got married in mid-March. George has completed cardiac rehab and has "perked up" – Yvonne's description.

Homecoming weekend was just great. Annia even won the MGH student doll in the Silent Auction.

Shortly after Homecoming 4 Concord, MA MGH'ers were pictured in the Concord Journal: Kay Dee and Margaret Higgins – class of '48 and Mary Wallace and Helen King class of '47.

Bruce and Rena Fisher are going to Utah in July to Tim Carrier's wedding then Lou and Betty are going to California with the Fishers for a visit.

Glenna Clark's husband, Earl Cruft, died this Spring. Our most sincere sympathy to Glenna and her family.

Great to see Chris Christopher at Homecoming.

Hear regularly from Annia. She's our "World Traveler", has visited every place!!

Receive my messages from Kay Molander on Web TV Network. Charlie is in Maine now. Transferred from Veteran's Hospital at Padre Island, Texas. I will see Kay on my next trip to Concord. She lives in Burlington, a nearby town to Concord.

Esther Reade Wilson is remarried to Bob Henning. I did not meet him but he called many times while she was here with Jack and me. He too, like Tom, is a minister. They live in Columbus, Indiana.

Ann Walsh remarried. We all met him – Bill Hinman – at Betty's. They now live in Durham, NH and we shall see them in May.

Please send me all your news. I'm back on track and will report in May and October, I promise, but I need your news!

Happy Summer!

September 1948

Marj Wood
5593 Hickory Circle
Flushing, MI 48433-2481

Our class was well represented at our 50th Reunion in September 1998. Present were 22 members: Jane Bicknell O'Keefe, Jean Borgaard Keller Beck, Joyce Campion

O'Sullivan, Shirley Cartmeill Harper, Avis Cartwright Farrell, Teresa Casella Stepp, Chris Curry Cornell, Jean Cournoyer Peirce, Kathleen Horgan, Virginia Delong Calvin, Theresa Deschenes Bouhillet, Helen Dostoomian Arikian (with her daughter who is also an MGH grad), Margaret "Peg" Higgins, Barbara Hunter Eger, Dorothy Mark Gessner, Alice Martinez Yanulis, Marie "Ricky" Nousee, Patricia Sullivan Conefrey, Marilyn Towle Vansaun, Patricia Webber Schwartz, Gretchen Weymuller Menger, and yours truly. Five members are now deceased: Sarah Bedeil Ritner, Jean Currier, Patricia Lefebvre Moore, Eloise "Freddy" Smith and Ethel Wetherbee.

On registration, we were given a name tag in a plastic cover with our name and beneath it 1948, to hang around our neck. We then circulated about looking at other name tags for 1948, then hugging the wearer since we no longer look the same as we did fifty years ago.

At the awards banquet, following the presentation of awards, the members of the Class of September 1948 were asked to stand. Everyone clapped and we were presented with a gold cardboard crown to wear and a wrapped gift – a lovely white ceramic tile with a blue design of the MGH pin and MGH Nurses' Alumnae Association printed on it. At our class banquet, Kay Dee Horgan presented us each with a card bordered in blue with gold stars and our graduation picture from the yearbook on it. It slipped nicely over our name tag in the plastic cover.

Sunday, we went by bus to have breakfast at MGH, then to an auditorium in what was once Baker and the Domestics Buildings, to hear the new MGH CEO and other speakers including one who told about the graduate program at the IHP. What was surprising was to learn that MGH now has 66 buildings scattered over 25 acres of land. It includes Revere HealthCare Center, Chelsea Healthcare Center, and Bunker Hill Healthcare Center and is partnered with Brigham and Womens.

It was a great 3 days and I'm looking forward to attending our 60th.

I was delighted when I watched 20/20 on TV on Easter Sunday to learn that the MGH is one of the hospitals that now includes spiritual care for those who want it.

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I am sorry I missed all of you who were at our 50th reunion. I looked forward to being there and then leaving two days later with Chuck and our daughters for Hawaii. Everything had to be canceled because my second knee replacement had to be scheduled earlier as my knee got worse.

While recuperating in Virginia at our daughters, away from Maine's ice and snow, we visited The Women in Military Service for America Memorial. It is located at the ceremonial entrance to Arlington National Cemetery. I was surprised to learn that the US Cadet Nurses, as I believe most of us were, are eligible to be registered at the memorial. They have a computer room where you can pull up the name of any service woman and get information about them. I pulled up Janet Scott and Peg Higgins. The Memorial has many exhibits including one with a complete Cadet uniform. There is a nice gift shop with several US Cadet Nurse articles with the insignia. The Memorial is open every day except Christmas. Their phone number is 1 800 4salute (472 5883). Their Web page is www.womensmemorial.org and email is winsareg@aol.com – if you have a printer you can get an application online or call for one.

The memorial is dependent on donations and merchandise sales to cover the cost of operations. Any donation would be most gratefully accepted. There are many interesting things to see so if you can visit I am sure you will enjoy it and come away with the knowledge that as Cadets we were a small part of history.

February 1948

Eleanor Gagan Nissen
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Our 50th reunion in September was terrific. Twenty-one came. Only seven couldn't make it. Five who have died. I am sure were there with us – Geraldine Jackman, Mary Jane Shortlidge, Leslie Bayeur, Grace Garrison and Evelyn Sobola. Those fifty years slipped away and it might have been 1948. Hazel Henderson Kubic who left before graduation was a very welcome surprise. Her husband died quite young and Hazel raised a wonderful family on her own.

Barba Gray Carleen and Warren sold their home in Newton Center and are full-time residents of Cape Cod.

Arlene Wink McNamara fell from a ladder in November. He had a long recovery. January they spent a month in Hawaii. One son and his wife are living there, so they had a family reunion planned.

Thelma (Tim) Roberts Colby is in a nursing home in Maine. She suffers from Alzheimer's. Otherwise, she is in good condition. I call them once in a while and they report that she has very few short times when she is aware. I've sent flowers on holidays from the class and she seems to enjoy them.

Ardis Murray Brozyna wrote that her husband Harold died of emphysema.

I still have no address from Sally Shea Dolan. She did move back to Mass from Alaska, but I've lost track of her. If anyone knows of her whereabouts, I would appreciate a note. We've all stayed close through the years and I hate to lose one.

The reunion was great, not only for our class, but to see others who were there. Our February group had a wonderful evening starting with cocktails at Jackie Fishel Leabman's home and dinner at a private room in a nearby hotel. We had so much fun, it might have been at Charles Street or Walcott.

September 1949

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The following classmates sent Christmas cards and messages to share.

Evelyn Smith Adamic – has been kept informed of news of MGH by Jean Perkins.

Kitty Brennan – expects to attend Homecoming and 50th reunion in September.

Fran Cavallo – Greetings from Florida.

Blanche Couillard – Coming with Kitty to the reunion.

Pat Malloy Kenniff – winters in Florida will be coming to the reunion.

Rith Tillson Lowell – entertained 26 for Thanksgiving – that's a lot of turkey – will be attending the reunion.

Marge Westcott Landrum – lots of family company around the holidays and in March she expected 2 daughters to visit. Marge said that the families "fortunately would not be visiting at the same time – could be a madhouse." She and Bob love seeing all the families. She talked to Sara Wilhelm Babb over the phone. Going to try to attend our 50th.

Margaret Manning – her sister Mary informed Ruth Henshaw that she has been diagnosed as having emphysema and is dependent on oxygen. We wish her well.

Mary Libbey Morris – works part time at a nursing home in Winchester – good for you Libbey!

Jean Lutz Perkins – 1997 was a difficult year! Ed died after 5 very painful months, she had a hysterectomy for CA of the uterus, marital problems for some of the children affecting the entire family. 1998 was kinder to them. She had lunch with Trudy Walsh Hynes somewhere in Virginia. As she traveled, she experienced lots of extended family involvement and with a great deal of “reconnecting and reminiscing – a special time in my life.” She hopes to attend 50th reunion in conjunction with visits to family members. Enjoyed a visit with Sara Wilhelm Babb in Albuquerque, NM - they were so excited to see one another after 43 years that they forgot her suitcase at the airport and had to return – lot’s of laughs! Has 3 children and 6 grandchildren. Keeps active with church activities, bridge, swimming and reading. Her goal for 1999 is to become a clown – “we need to lighten up and laugh.” Good advice!

Elizabeth Smith – keeps in touch with Ruth Lowell. Plans to attend 50th reunion.

Irene Weisslinger Swan – she and Bob continue to spend their summers in Vermont.

Pat Edge Wilson – 4 trips to Connecticut from October 1998 to December 1998. Pat’s mother died November 27th and her dad December 8th. They had been married for 72 years – never have to fear separation now. Pat hope to come to our 50th reunion if Bill’s health is okay.

Trudy Walsh Hynes – stayed in Virginia this year – they have given up trips to Arizona and Maine. Now happy going on elder Hostel trips and being owners of a time share. They have 1 grandchild.

Barbara Stevens Wright – a family reunion was held at Christmas. A foliage trip to Wisconsin, Michigan and Ontario made them excited about coming to New England to attend our 50th reunion. They have lived in Winter Park, Florida since 1953.

Sara Wilhelm Babb – enjoyed her visit with Jean Perkins and a long phone call from Marge Landrum. Hopes to combine a trip to see family with attending our 50th reunion.

Jane Wragg Bergeron – her husband died last year. She has moved from Wilbraham to Millbury and lives with her daughter and family. She hopes to come to our 50th reunion.

When you receive the Spring/Summer Alumnae Record your reunion committee will have already met and made plans for this special event. You will be hearing from one of the following with details about how we will be celebrating our 50th reunion on September 25th. Jackie Auger Brown 603 936 1886, Ruth Stronach Henshaw 305 596 5804, Pat Malloy Kenniff 860 464 2542, Ruth Tillson Lowell 781 729 0554, and Mary Libbey Morris 781 944 5683. See you there!

February 1949

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May 5, six area classmates met at Publick House in Sturbridge. We discussed plans for our 50th. You will all be getting letters from a class member giving you details. We are happy at long last to have the address and telephone number of every classmate. Attending the luncheon were Nancy S, Dotty I, Dot F, Barb M, Clara S, Podée H. Now for the news:

Dottie Iwaniki lives with a sister in Meriden, CT. she has a “sort of cottage garden” - she plants and her sister weeds. She does some child sitting with her nephew’s children (10, 9, and 8). She’s still her cute little self and has retained her special sense of humor.

Kay Hrycay Howard has recently had a lumpectomy and some follow up treatment and is doing well now. We expect to see her in September.

Mary Morris Gregory long lost, has been busy. She had 8 children, a class record. After 18 years she returned to school. She has a bachelor’s and a Masters, probably the only one in February ’49 class. We’re so proud of you, Mary. She did counseling for 10 years and then home hospice work. This winter she cross country skied at Lake Tahoe and has had visits with her 2 daughters. She’s in the east from California and some of us may see her. Good to visit with her on the phone.

Selma Hermann Precup also talked with Barbara Manoni recently. We are sorry to report Joe died January 1, 1997 of cancer. They owned several espresso bars which she has sold now. She and Joe had 3 girls and a son who lives near by. She has one great grand child. She recently moved to a patio house (porch all around). She’s hoping to attend our 50th.

Peggy Conners Bernier called to say all was well with her family – Gerard is getting starting in the garden.

Nancy Dimattia Sanella’s son had his first son on Thanksgiving night, pretty eventful, that makes 9 grands with a newborn and one in collage. She keeps busy child sitting for step grands 10 and 4 for days or overnights every 2 weeks or so.

Shirley Gordon Keller had a little melanoma taken care of the 1st week in May. Now she and Dick have moved to the Boston area while he has both knees replaced. We hope he does well. Shirley we’ll be thinking of you.

Betty Grant Bridges news was reported to me by Kay Kelly. They talk and write. Betty takes care of her year old grandson on Mondays. Soon they will be going to Washington to see the oldest grandchild graduate from high school. She may not come to Boston in September.

Dot Curtis Faherty still lives in the big family home in Natick. It has so many memories and is a home base for her son-in-law and grand child. Dot never complains but she sure has had crosses on crosses to bear. Recently her son-in-law Paul became ill with the exact same cancer as his wife (Dot's daughter) had. We worry with dot for Paul and her grandson.

Jean Chiron is still maintaining the family home near Torrington CT. she and Dot Flaherty drove to Florida this past January and February. Jean has time shares and they stayed in Pompano Beach, New Smyrna, Key West, Ormond Beach. They also toured leisurely in Georgia and Virginia on their return. Sounds like a wonderful way to spend the winter.

Phyllis Hayden McClain and her ninety something year old mother are buying a house a few blocks from their present apartment in Fairhaven. Her mother is well recovered from her hip surgery and is out and around, even playing bridge. Phil still volunteers at the library 4 mornings each week and hopes to get to the reunion for a day.

Kaye Kenedy Kelly gave me the address of Mary Morris Gregory – Thanks. She keeps up with her sewing group, 13 years now. At present working on a Christmas tablecloth. Bob and Kaye were so pleased to have granddaughter Christie stay with them for several weeks in 98. We would all like that kind of a visit.

Barbara Richardson McCann went to Texas to disperse stored furniture but was called back to Maine because her sister had a stroke. Caring Barby helped nurse her and now she is doing remarkably well. Barb still needs to return to Texas to finish the furniture thing and see the grands living there.

Barba Roser Manoni and Larry spent 4 days in Maine last May at his 50th class reunion from MIT. She squeezed in a visit to Barby McCann while there. She and twin Nancy visited Quebec with a tour group and celebrated their birthday in Antigua in December. The Manoni's enjoy bridge, exercise class, gardening and yard work together. Barbara has done lots of planning and pushing for September.

Clara Scowyra Sellon is minus two houseguests this year, her sight disadvantaged patient from Il and daughter's husband. They're down to 5 now at home. Recently Charlie retired his pastorate and the church gave him a great big 75th birthday bash. Clara also has worked enthusiastically for our 50th reunion.

Madeline Smith Luce is moving back to MA and hoping to find a condo on the Cape. May 23rd she is joining friends for a wonderful trip abroad. Life sometimes has rewards.

Jane Woodbury Seeling and husband, Fred are in the process of returning to NH. He is allergic to corn mold, of which there is a lot in NE. Their shop and house are for sale now. Jane is so good about writing to me.

Stewart and I are going to celebrate our 50th wedding Anniversary august 27th and still enjoying life together and our family, and Barkley our black cocker.

I'm sure I speak for our whole class in thanking the MGH Nurses' Alumnae Association for all the fine planning and work they do. It all comes together with great homecomings and super issues of the Alumnae Record. We do appreciate you.

1950

In a note from Lochlynn Wiley:

The recent best seller "The Greatest Generation" has a reference to MGH – it is in a chapter about a Dr Van Gorden and his experiences on D-Day. In that chapter is an interesting account of Dr William McDermott and mention of MGH.

You may not know but when we (class of 50) first went on our affiliations we were warned about "bragging" concerning MGH. We were all terribly proud of our school, but tried not to always mention how we did things, or what we were taught at MGH!

Great memories for me. I am often tempted to write of my experiences for our alumnae magazine. For me it was a culture shock, a small town raising, a southern accent I didn't even know I had, a long way from home in the big city, and this huge hospital, a complex of many hospitals.

September 1951

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You may have noticed this Newsletter is being written by Deck, and I'll explain why. Chuck and I have been going to Destin, Florida each winter, which happens to be next to Ft Walton Beach, where Sears lives. Whitlock was visiting her last February and when we had lunch together they mentioned the dearth of news about our class and suggested I take over, so I'll give it a whirl, opening with some very sad news.

Marion Kelleher Evans lost her dear husband Bob (or Rebel, as we knew him) due to lung problems. They had moved from Wayland to Palmyra virginia about 4 years ago

and were enjoying retirement – golf, tennis, etc. Kel's doing okay and visits her kids and grandkids as often as possible. I'll miss my annual visit to see them in Wellfleet, where they spent their summer vacations.

Peter Doherty, Sears' son, was married about 3 years ago, and Sears is now a grandmother! Hard to believe, isn't it? Whitlock does lots of traveling and enjoys her retirement.

Got a letter from June Mariner Topliffe at Christmas. Her address is 3658 Via Calabria, Escondido, CA 92025. She was a Nurse Practitioner as was Kel.

Heard from Bea Merz McHugh a couple of years ago – poor gal's had many health problems – heart etc. she and Ed were divorced many years ago. Her address is 57L Birchwood Dr, Bristol, CT 06010.

Chuck just had his 85th birthday, and still playing gold and beats me regularly at gin rummy! We're spoiled rotten, having 3 of our grandchildren living across the street and the other 3 about a mile away, although our oldest, Joe, will be off to St Olaf's College in Minnesota in September. Andrea, 14 is a sophomore at Tabor and Lacey's in 5th grade. Those are Robin's. Betsy's oldest, Nick is in 6th, and Abbey and Jacqui, twins, are in 4th and all, of course, are above average (do I sound biased?) Actually, they're just nice kids, and we enjoy them all. I'm still peddling Real estate, and had my best year, having sold 2 big homes at Oyster Harbors in Osterville, which had been my goal for 18 years!

The following classmates are among the missing, so if any of you know of their whereabouts, please let me or the alumnae office know: Ida Bartlett Nowlan, Joan Beers Perault, Katherine Brooks Pickney, Evelyn Magyar Collens, Janet Connolly Sylvester, Joyce Kiley Crawford, Ernestine Skoog Elving, Anna Skoog Reggin, Helen Jazwinski Galvin, Pat Macinnis Graham, Jeannine Jacques Lee, Shirley Macek, Joan Sator Meister, Beverly Pierce Roess, Gen Rice Rosenkranz, Joan Sumner, Margaret Tobin Swiss, Virginia Courant Tunney, and Ruth Baker White. With our BIG 50 coming in 2001 we need to contact as many as possible! Be there or be square! Please send me your news!

September 1952

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September 52 had a mini reunion so here is our report. Hope this is OK.

50 years of Friendship! That deserves to be celebrated and as history reminds us, the September '52 class has always been ready to party. Instigated by none other than Gracie Hendrick Presswood, Jeanne Zedren Scott and Arlene Bell Gigliotti of the Tampa Florida area, we gathered in Kissimmee March 17-18th to see if we could still pass a pre-test. We did OK and all came home with a Friendship tote bag designed by Arlene's daughter-in-law. Mostly we talked, caught up on who was doing what and where and then thought about 2002. Want to know more? We will be planning, send us your thoughts as well as an e-mail address and we will share. Will share anyhow, if we know where you are.

Those who arrived: Arlene Bell & Tom, Gerry Brown & Jim, Sybil Caine & Paul, Jodi Cederholm & Henry, Ginny Day & Bill, Grace Hendrick, Jean Ann Holmes (all the way from Seattle), Edie Lind & Bob, Dot Lucius (in her pink car), Ann MacLean & Bill, Joan McMahon, Joyce Sawtell & Lowell, Sally Scharett & Buck on their way to the Keys, Jeanne Zedren & Bill. Not to shabby for a loosely planned affair. And would you believe? Gracie & Arlene showed up in identical black/white checked outfits! A sight to behold. Some things never change.

Did you know--- we have a pilot with plane among us? -another who drives around the country in a 28' RV? -many retired from the day to day work world but not slowing down any? and all of us looking forward to 2002. Do let us hear from you. Do you remember who taught Sanitation??? Pretest question #7. Someone did, remember that is!

Thanks friends for getting us together!

September 1955

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End of the year greetings always bring additional news. We'd love to hear from those of you who have never written. Also if anyone knows the whereabouts and addresses of our missing classmates, please let us know so that we will be able to contact everyone to remind them of our 45th reunion in the year 2000.

We're looking for:

Barbara Adelman Carmen
Patricia Allen Prager
Ursula Bolevitch
Helen Chapman Shea
Barbara Clark

Barbara Eckberg Seamans
Pauline Gordon
Barbara Hamilton
Sylvia Howard Willson
Althea Madge
Shirley Miggins Dunham
Janet Oteiza Laukermann
Joanne Reynolds Hughes
Margaret Sutton Marley
Mary Ann Tremaine Hebert
Beatrice Whiting

Lorrie Agostini Garreau wrote that she is looking forward to the 45th. She had been traveling in Arizona and the Grand Canyon last September and missed the 125th. She and Roger have 4 grandchildren. One of Lorrie's daughters, Bethann, is a Obs-Gyn physician in Falls Church, VA.

Judy Anderson Shopf sent along a beautiful picture of her grandchildren. She and Jere are the parents of five daughters. They have seven grandsons and one granddaughter.

Di Baker St. Jean had been unable to make Homecoming last September because of Ray's health. She wrote that he was greatly improved and that they had even been able to take a vacation to the Pennsylvania Dutch country. She promises to come to celebrate our 45th.

Bunny Codi Raak has obviously not lost any of her energy. She and a friend freelanced their way through Turkey last fall. She says she misses the call to prayer five times a day and the great eggplant she had there. She is Director of Continuing Education at Seton Hill College in PA where the Dali Lama was a guest in November. He speech on peace and compassion was the most prestigious event the college has ever hosted.

Shirley Kelly Fortson tells us that she has retired twice but is now working part time for the VNA and volunteers at a homeless program. She and Herman live in Maryland. They have one grandson.

Nancy Lee Barnhart also expressed regrets that she could not make the 125th. She had to come to Boston in October for her high school reunion. She says she will make the effort to come in 2000. She and Dick have eleven grandchildren. They are involved in church activities as well as land development and an investment club.

Jean O'Leary Leary also sent a wonderful family picture. Jean also said she will keep the 45th in mind. We will have a good crowd if all these prospective attendees come.

I had been surprised that Anne Perry Monaghan was not at the 125th celebration. She has been very faithful coming to Homecomings. A note from her said that she had

been diagnosed with scleroderma last June and that it has progressed very quickly. She said that ambulation was difficult and that when she goes to BU Medical she finds the trip to Boston very tiring. She had begun treatment with methotrexate and was hoping for improvement.

Rita Whitney had also been unable to come in September. She had had complications after surgery and was still recuperating.

Audrey Hatch Dunn has been busy traveling. Recently they have been to England, Scotland, Italy, Spain, and several US Elderhostel programs.

David & I enjoy the Elderhostel programs also. We did a train trek of Australia and New Zealand with Elderhostel in January. This also included a four day cruise on the Great Barrier reef. A fellow Elderhosteler was an MGH grad from the class of 1950. We had great fun reminiscing about our days at the General.

Send us your news and remember to save the last Saturday

September 1958

Class of 1958 Scholarship for SON graduate continuing at the Institute

Marking its 40th anniversary last September, the Class of 1958, *September section*, contributed a \$1600 scholarship as a memorial to deceased members of the class: Andrea Blamire Quinter, Annette Christie Cinq Mar, Beverly Cole Sullivan, Barbara Gernhardt, Carol Schillemat Jenner and Jamin Scholfield Guarino. The Class of 1958 scholarship is designated for any MGH School of Nursing graduate continuing his/her education at the MGH Institute of Health Professions.

The Institute deeply appreciates the thoughtful memorial gift and encourages School of Nursing graduates to apply for the scholarship funding by contacting the Manager of Financial Aid at 724-6356.

September 1959

Patricia Friss Newnham
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Hello all!

Happy last year of the Millenium! What a privilege to be alive at such an historic time. I have news from only a few classmates who wrote at Christmas. Margo Johnson Taylor and Jane Hartwell are both looking forward to our 40th Reunion. Can you believe that so many years have flown by? Mary Furber Raymond says hello but no news. Her card had a cute angel nurses singing with nightingale lamps in hand.

Ellie Treinas Prevoski continues to work for Worcester VNA. Her daughter Cindy had twin boys August '98 so she and Steve have 3 grandsons now.

Carol French Publicover is still working in Florida. She has recently been promoted and does a lot of traveling. She and Jerry have 12 grandchildren, including a new grand daughter born in '98. Carol and also Kathy Glenndenning Jones Dixon hope to see us all at the reunion. Kathy and her new husband live in Rhode Island and Florida. They enjoy sailing and skiing and John stays very busy with work and travel. Kathy's son Craig was married in September '98. He and his wife live in Southport NY. David, Kathy's youngest lives in Charlestown, MA.

Lucy Baker Hofer and husband Bob traveled to the Virgin Islands in June '98 and will visit El Salvador in January '99. Their son David lives about 6 blocks from where Lucy lived in '59-60 in Cambridge. He even shops at the same Star Market! Déjà vu, Lucy?

The Newnham family stays busy and we continue to enjoy traveling all over for meetings. Bob is officially "Professor Emeritas" now but he continues to go to the lab every day and is teaching again this semester – a true workaholic! Our daughter Rosemary, lives in LA and works for Stephen Spielberg's SHOAH Fund. They are interviewing Holocaust survivors and entering the information in a database. Randy, our son and his wife are in Reading PA where he teaches political science at Penn State's Berks Campus. That's all for this time. Please plan to attend the 40th reunion in September, 1999.

March 1959

Mary Caira
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Alice Wright Burd

Wrote that she enjoyed the reunion. She said that even though we've had many changes, our old familiar mannerisms and smiles were memorable.

Gail Kent Clemmer (Cominsky)

Had a wonderful time at the reunion. She had lunch at the Yale Club with Roz, Fitz, and Mary Roy. She says Roz hasn't changed and is very happy. Gail's mother died in a car accident in January 1998, and her dear Aunt Kate died in March. Gail and George hope to spend winters in Florida with their 3 Himalayan cats.

Gene (Shaffer) Corcoran

Had a fine time at our 40th. She hopes she and Alice will be back here in 5 years – and they will fly next time. Gene plans to go to Finland this summer. Her children are all well.

Maxine (Clark) Hybarger

Her Christmas letter was full of news. In the spring, she and Ray spent some time in Palm Springs. She and other Kaiser nurses struck 8 times, to get a meaningful voice in the quality of patient care (and a raise of \$0.40/hour). Maxine and Ray also spent 12 days on board the Splendor of the Seas, cruising to Norway, Sweden, Finland, Russia, Estonia and Denmark. Maxine was home for 8 weeks this fall, following foot surgery. Gerry and Gail are well. Ray continues to star in plays at the San Jose Stage. I recently talked to Maxine. They had a wonderful 40th Anniversary Celebration. Gail Clemmer was there to celebrate with them.

Eleanor (Dyer) Hamilton

Wrote to say that she enjoyed the book *An Alumnae Tribute*.

Judith (Palmer) Muggia

Her Christmas letter included a wonderful composite of pictures of her and Al in Venice, Ecuador, Italy, Vermont, and Connecticut. They spend winter weekends at their Vermont Cottage. Judie has been to France, also. They were at Yale in June for Al's 40th Medical School Reunion. They now have 8 grandchildren and spend as much time as possible with them.

Mary (Duggan) Roy

Had a fine time with Fitz, Roz, and Gail. Norm will retire this spring and they will retire this spring, and they will return to Weston. Mary's sister Barbara was home from Bangladesh in November and met most of her grandnieces and grandnephews.

Suzanne Seymour

She sent me a wonderful note. She was thrilled with the reunion pictures and wishes she could have been here with us. She also recalled wonderful memories of Jamin, who was her maid of honor and dearest friend. Sue's children are well. Her daughter is a graphic designer for MCI Internet. She was recently divorced. Her oldest son has a syndicated radio show on Public Radio, and does lighting and sound for college fine arts productions. Her youngest son is a consultant for Mercer and sets up human resources and employee benefits for this very large international corporation. He has lived in Australia, Stockholm and London in recent years. Sue visited him in Australia, where she did much hiking. She loves newborns in her nursery. She is busy with house and garden. She enjoyed a visit with Elaine when she was in Denver. Sue also is active in opera, symphony and fine arts. She sends her love to all. She also wrote recently to say that she was thrilled with the book *An Alumnae Tribute* and hopes to see us all at our next anniversary.

The Cairas

I am busy settling into our condo and working full time in the Sinai Rehab Unit. Mike retired on January 1st. Just after Easter he became gravely ill with septicemia from an infection in his foot. His respiratory, endocrine, cardiac, and vascular systems were already compromised and other systems also were impacted. He is improving slowly,

but we are in for a long haul of IV antibiotics, extensive dressings to the foot, and rehab.

I look forward to hearing from you.

1961

In a note signed only Stephanie: Where is the class as far as news goes – we seem to be among the missing.

Dick and I have been in Bedford for 36 years -- I have been in the Utilization Review/ Quality management field since the mid 70's. We have 5 children and 10 grandchildren, the latest being a 1 pound 8 ½ ounce girl down in Virginia.

One of the twins is fighting brain cancer (1 year 3 months but who's counting) and this has been the most stressful year of our lives. He is linked with the Brigham and Womans and Dr fine and has an expectancy of 33 months, with luck, as a result of his completing radiation and chemotherapy last year. He is inoperable with the tumor located in the right parietal lobe.

Family strength comes from each other and faith in God. Mom had a fractured ankle repaired 2 years ago, Dick had by-pass surgery 3 years ago and Richard had back surgery 1 year ago, so have seen the changes at the General. I do miss the Brick corridor!

Missed you in September due to conflicts which came up unexpectedly, but did receive the book.

Maybe we can rally this class of ours to submit some news!

1977

Mary Jean P. Conroy Hale
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I never hear any news from the class of '76 or '77. After graduation I worked at MGH until 1990. I joined the Air Force in support of the Persian Gulf War in the fall of 1990. I was stationed at F. E. Warren Air Force Base Cheyenne, WY. I was an obstetric nurse and patient educator for four years. I met my husband, Don, there. He is an Air force Major and works in the Space and Missile Operations career field. We were married in 1994 in Boston, shortly thereafter, my term in the air Force was completed. We have lived in Vandenberg CA until September of '98 and now live in

Minot ND. We do not have children but are hoping to start a family by adoption soon. I would love to hear from anyone, my email is: dmlhale@ibm.net

1996

It has been a fall of big events for Katen Moore and her husband, Kevin Polly. November 10th their daughter Aurelia Irene Polly was born and changed their lives forever!!

Katen also is one of the first fifty fellows of the Oncology Nursing Society's Leadership Development Institute for 1998 – 1999. Her project is to help define the oncology nurse practitioner role and working to increase public awareness of screening and detection of preventable cancers when those cancers are preventable.

This fall she also sold her book (with partner Libby Schmais) to Penguin Putnam for spring 2000 publication: *Living Well with Cancer: A Holistic Guide to Managing Your Symptoms through conventional and complementary Therapies*. This book will be a simple, common sense guide to symptom management for cancer survivors.

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| 8 AM | Registration and coffee |
| 8:30 | Opening Remarks |
| 8:45 | <i>Energizing Nursing Practice: Keeping the Passion in Compassion</i>
Carol Picard Ph.D., RN - IHP Associate Director Nursing |
| 10:00 | Break |
| 10:15 | <i>Screening for Cervical Cancer</i>
Martha Marean RNC, MS MGH '67 |
| 11:30 | <i>Hyperlipidemia Management in Primary Care</i>
Monica Flanagan MS, RNCS IHP '95 |
| 12:45 | Lunch (included) |
| 2:00 | <i>Skin Cancer: A Primary Care Approach</i>
Marianne Tawa MS, RNCS MGH '79 |
| 3:15 | <i>Antibiotic Update</i>
Christine Wilson Ph.D., RNCS - IHP Faculty |
| 4:30 | Closing Remarks and Evaluation |

7.5 contact hours of continuing education have been applied for and will be awarded at the end of the program.

Saturday September 25th

Radisson Hotel Boston

The MGH Nurses' Alumnae Association Annual Homecoming

- 8 AM Registration
- 9:00 Annual Business Meeting of the Association
- 10:00 Program
A View of the MGH and the IHP: A Nursing Perspective
 Jeannette Ives Erickson, Senior Vice President Patient Care
 Services, MGH

 Ann Caldwell, Interim President, MGH IHP

 Arlene Lowenstein, Director Graduate Program in Nursing, IHP
- 12 noon Reunion Class photos and cocktails
- 1:00 Annual Homecoming Luncheon
- 3:00 Adjournment

Registration Form

Please fill in and mail with your check to:

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Massachusetts General Hospital
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Boston, MA 02114-2621

_____ Full 2 day event -- Members \$80 Non-Members \$90

_____ Friday CEU Program only -- Members \$50 Non-Members \$60

_____ Saturday Homecoming only \$30

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